The death toll and destruction caused by the powerful earthquake that ravaged the island nation of Haiti is staggering. The United States government is providing vital financial aid to the affected nation.

This Board, on behalf of the people we serve, extends to the people of Haiti our sincere and heartfelt sympathies for the profound loss, enormous destruction, anguish and despair that they have suffered.

County residents and employees who wish to make monetary contributions to Haiti and the earthquake victims are encouraged to do so through the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance, and other support to those in need. Financial contributions should be sent to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, at Post Office Box 37243, Washington D.C. 20013.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

Encourage County residents and employees to consider making, on a strictly voluntary basis, financial contributions to the American Red Cross International Response Fund to aid the earthquake victims in Haiti.

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Knabe	
Antonovich	
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